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July 29, 2021

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City Council Tentative Meeting Schedule

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July 29, 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, August 17, 2021	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Work Session Formal Meeting	The Center, Assembly Room 28 S. Linn Street
Tuesday, September 7, 2021	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Work Session Formal Meeting	TBD
Tuesday, September 21, 2021	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Work Session Formal Meeting	TBD
Tuesday, October 5, 2021	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Work Session Formal Meeting	TBD
Tuesday, October 19, 2021	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Work Session Formal Meeting	TBD
Monday, November 1, 2021	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Work Session Formal Meeting	TBD
Tuesday, November 16, 2021	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Work Session Formal Meeting	TBD
Tuesday, December 7, 2021	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Work Session Formal Meeting	TBD
Tuesday, December 21, 2021	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Work Session Formal Meeting	TBD



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Memo from Assistant City Manager: 2021-2022 Bow Hunt Program Update

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Memo from Assistant City Manager: 2021-2022 Bow Hunt Program Update



CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

Date: July 29, 2021

To: City Council

From: Rachel Kilburg, Assistant City Manager

RE: 2021 – 2022 Bow Hunt Program Update

The City's 2021 – 2022 Deer Management Bow Hunt season will begin September 18, 2021 and end January 10, 2022. Applications will be accepted from August 9, 2021 through October 20, 2021. The bow hunt is part of the City's Long-Term Deer Management Plan, which was approved by City Council, accepted by the state, and provides for professional sharpshooting in 2019 and an urban bow hunt in years 2020 – 2024. The upcoming season will be the second of four years of bow hunts, as outlined and approved in that Plan.

The 2020 – 2021 Bow Hunt Program results were reported in an annual report provided to City Council in March 2021. Based upon the aerial deer survey and recommendations from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), a quota of 75 deer was set. A total of three deer were harvested as a result of the hunt. The Deer Management Annual Report, bow hunt and aerial survey results, and Long-Term Deer Management Plan are available on the City website at www.icgov.org/deerprogram.

Following the 2020-2021 season, the regional Wildlife/Depredation Biologist from the DNR reviewed the hunt results and determined the amount harvested would not be sufficient to maintain deer population management goals in Iowa City. Feedback was provided that the City's hunting quota and participation rates were not aligned with past professional sharpshooting events conducted by White Buffalo, which results in confusion about the City's deer management goals. Recommendations to improve effectiveness of Iowa City's hunt in 2021-2022 were provided and discussed below.

Prior to the 2020-2021 season, the City Council approved rules for the Bow Hunt Program and granted the City Manager the authority to make minor changes to the rules. Based on last year's hunt results and recommendations from the Iowa DNR Depredation Biologist, three minor changes have been incorporated for the 2021-2022 Bow Hunt Program:

- Application period opening approximately one and a half months earlier than last year, to provide additional time to process applications and for hunters to make arrangements with property owners and scout safe and effective locations.

- Bow hunt season beginning approximately two weeks earlier, to align with the state and Deer Management Zones (DMZs) across Iowa.
- Increased quota from 75 deer to 200 deer, recognizing the quota increases tags but tags do not guarantee a harvest (a 30-50% success rate is typical throughout Iowa DMZs) and to demonstrate consistency in the City's state population control goals of the Deer Management Plan and the actual implementation of the Plan and commitment to the Plan.

The DNR also recommended the City consider allowing hunting in public areas, such as parks and cemeteries. They note successes of such efforts in other urban deer management areas and have provided methods to keep park visitors safe and avoid complaints and any safety concerns.

Based on previous discussions with City Council, staff has not pursued hunting in public parks or our cemetery. However, it is evident the City will need to increase deer harvest numbers significantly from the first bow hunt held in 2020-2021 in order to meet population control goals. If the City Council desires to re-examine hunting in public parks for the 2021-2022 season, such direction would need to be provided to staff for Council to consider adoption of revised hunt rules.

cc: Lt. Zach Diersen
Assistant City Attorney Sue Dulek
City Manager Geoff Fruin



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Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County: Report on Iowa City Affordable Housing Fund - FY21 Year-End Report

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Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County Report on Iowa City Affordable Housing Fund - FY21 Year-End Report



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### ***Staff***

Ellen McCabe,  
Executive Director

July 27, 2021

To: Tracy Hightshoe, Director, Neighborhood Development Services  
From: Ellen McCabe, Executive Director

## **Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County (HTFJC) FY21 Year-End Report, Iowa City Affordable Housing Fund**

The City of Iowa City allocated \$1,000,000 in FY21 funds to their Affordable Housing Fund. 50% or \$500,000 was allocated to the Housing Trust Fund to support and invest in affordable housing in Iowa City. The Council also directed another 20%, or \$200,000, to the Housing Trust Fund for Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects. The City of Iowa City funding, combined with the significant dollars that HTFJC receives from the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and the State housing trust fund program, as well as payments received on prior HTFJC loans, enables HTFJC to make substantial impacts in providing affordable, sustainable housing projects and programs. The following tables provide information about projects awarded HTFJC funding.

### **FY21 Allocation: \$500,000**

| Project Name:             | Project Address:     | Estimated Total Project Cost: | Total IC-HTF Funds Allocated: | Total # of Assisted Units: | Income Targeted: | Estimated Date of Project Completion: |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Shelter House 501 Project | 501 Southgate Avenue | \$7,500,000                   | \$475,000                     | 36                         | <30% AMI         | 8/1/2022                              |
| HTF Administration (5%)   | NA                   | NA                            | \$ 25,000                     | NA                         | NA               | 6/30/2021                             |

HTFJC awarded a total of \$1,036,000 to the 501 Project to date. Thirty-six units of supportive housing will be provided to people who were chronically homeless. All individuals will have incomes below 30% AMI and the affordability period will be at least 30 years. Tenants will pay no more than 30% of their income on rent. City of Iowa City funding of \$475,000 (FY21) and \$250,000 (FY20) has been dedicated to this project.



**FY21 LIHTC Set-Aside: \$200,000**

| <b>Project Name:</b>    | <b>Project Address:</b>   | <b>Estimated Total Project Cost:</b> | <b>Total IC-HTF Funds Allocated:</b> | <b>Total # of Assisted Units:</b> | <b>Income Targeted:</b> | <b>Estimated Date of Project Completion:</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| NEX Senior Apartments   | 670 NEX Avenue, Iowa City | \$9,983,417                          | \$190,000                            | 46                                | <30% to <60% AMI        | 7/1/2023                                     |
| HTF Administration (5%) | NA                        | NA                                   | \$ 10,000                            | NA                                | NA                      | 6/30/2021                                    |

\$190,000 FY20 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Set-Aside was allocated to NEX Senior along with \$190,000 of FY21 LIHTC Set-Aside funding in exchange for their commitment to lower two apartments from below 60% AMI to below 30% AMI. The apartments will be affordable for at least 30 years. Rents will range from \$503 (below 30% AMI) for a one-bedroom apartment to \$1,050 (below 60% AMI) for a two-bedroom apartment. HTFJC has committed an additional \$720,000 to NEX Senior.

**Prior Year Funds – Funds allocated by HTF in prior years \$250,000**

| <b>Project Name:</b> | <b>Project Address:</b>         | <b>Estimated Total Project Cost:</b> | <b>Total IC-HTF Funds Spent by June 30, 2021</b> | <b>Total # of Assisted Units:</b> | <b>Income Targeted:</b> | <b>Estimated Date of Completion:</b> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 501 Project          | 501 Southgate Avenue, Iowa City | \$7,500,000                          | \$250,000                                        | 36                                | <30% AMI                | Est. 8/1/2022                        |

The FY20 carryover balance was \$317,954. \$67,954 was used to close out the NEX Apartments project which opened in 2020. And, \$250,000 was paid from the FY20 carryover balance to the 501 Project as part of their overall award of \$1,036,000 to date.

**Additional HTFJC Investment in Affordable Housing located in City of Iowa City - FY21**

| <b>Project Name:</b>      | <b>Brief Description:</b>          | <b>Estimated Total Project Cost:</b> | <b>HTFJC Award:</b> | <b># of Households Assisted</b> | <b>Income Targeted:</b> | <b>Affordability Period</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NEX Senior                | 46 units, age 55+, 1 & 2 bedrooms  | \$9,983,417                          | \$ 720,000          | 46                              | <30% to <60% AMI        | 30 years                    |
| Sycamore Homes for Iowans | Down payment assistance, homes     | \$1,000,000                          | \$ 100,000          | 5                               | <80% AMI                | 10 years                    |
| Shelter House Amhurst     | Rebuild supportive housing         | \$ 619,900                           | \$ 173,115          | 6                               | <50% AMI                | 30 years                    |
| Shelter House – Shelter   | Replace HVAC system                | \$ 625,000                           | \$ 200,000          | 70                              | 0% to <30% AMI          | 30 years                    |
| Unlimited Abilities       | Purchase supportive housing        | \$ 165,350                           | \$ 105,350          | 5                               | 0% to <30% AMI          | 20 years                    |
| Successful Living         | Rehabilitation of two rental units | \$ 57,639                            | \$ 52,939           | 10                              | 0% to <30% AMI          | 10 years                    |
| Successful Living         | Acquisition of a home, supportive  | \$ 260,000                           | \$ 212,000          | 5                               | 0% to <30% AMI          | 25 years                    |
| Inside Out Reentry        | Deposit and Rent Assistance        | NA                                   | \$ 15,409           | 9                               | <30% AMI                | NA                          |
| Domestic Violence COVID   | Deposit and Rent Assistance        | NA                                   | \$ 5,542            | 4                               | <30% AMI                | NA                          |
| <b>Totals</b>             |                                    | <b>\$12,711,306</b>                  | <b>\$1,584,355</b>  | <b>160</b>                      |                         |                             |

As indicated in the table above, HTFJC awarded and/or paid out on a variety of affordable housing projects benefiting citizens in Iowa City using funding secured from sources other than the City of Iowa City in FY21. HTFJC's investment of \$1.5 million should leverage more than \$11 million in housing that is affordable.



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## Press Release: Ribbon-cutting for James Alan McPherson Park

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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Press Release: Ribbon-cutting for James Alan McPherson Park

## Kellie Fruehling

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**From:** Geoff Fruin  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 12:44 PM  
**To:** Kellie Fruehling  
**Subject:** FW: Ribbon-cutting to celebrate the renaming of Creekside to James Alan McPherson Park set for August 5

**From:** City of Iowa City [mailto:CityofIowaCity@public.govdelivery.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 8:21 AM  
**To:** Geoff Fruin <Geoff-Fruin@iowa-city.org>  
**Subject:** Ribbon-cutting to celebrate the renaming of Creekside to James Alan McPherson Park set for August 5



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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Date:** 07/29/2021

**Contact:** [Juli Seydell Johnson](#), Parks and Recreation Director

**Phone:** 319-356-5104

**Ribbon-cutting to celebrate the renaming of Creekside to  
James Alan McPherson Park set for August 5**



*An image of James Alan McPherson Park.*

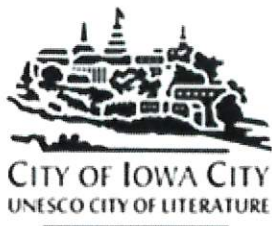
The Iowa City City Council approved the renaming of Creekside Park to James Alan McPherson Park in March 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the newly redesigned park's ribbon-cutting was delayed. In order to celebrate this important event, the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a Party in the Park event from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 5 at James Alan McPherson Park, located at 1856 7th Avenue Court.

The event will include a special park sign reveal, ribbon-cutting, music from Cedar County Cobras, yard games and kids crafts. Consultants will also be in attendance to discuss future park enhancements in honor of McPherson.

The unanimous vote from council changes the park's name to honor the legendary career and life of McPherson, a longtime Iowa City resident, professor at the University of Iowa's prestigious Writers' Workshop, and the first African-American writer to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Best known for his essays and short stories, McPherson's 1977 short story collection "Elbow Room" was the publication that earned him the Pulitzer. He would go on to teach at the Writers' Workshop for over 30 years. McPherson passed in 2016 at the age of 72. To learn more about the impact and legacy of McPherson, [visit the University of Iowa's website](#)

The park was renovated with a new playground, shelter, basketball court, and restroom in 2020.



Questions?  
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## Civil Service Examination: Construction Inspector I

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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Civil Service Examination: Construction Inspector I



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May 27, 2021

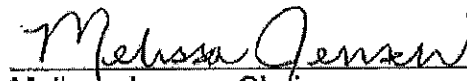
TO: The Honorable Mayor and the City Council

RE: Civil Service Entrance Examination – Construction Inspector I

Under the authority of the Civil Service Commission of Iowa City, Iowa, I do hereby certify the following named person(s) as eligible for the position of Construction Inspector I.

Trent Trader

**Iowa City Civil Service Commission**

  
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Melissa Jensen, Chair



July 29, 2021

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## Civil Service Examination: Maintenance Worker II - Water Distribution

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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Civil Service Examination: Maintenance Worker II - Water Distribution



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July 6, 2021

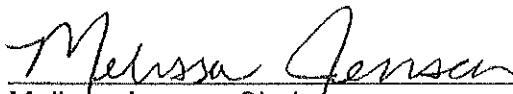
TO: The Honorable Mayor and the City Council

RE: Civil Service Entrance Examination – Maintenance Worker II – Water Distribution

Under the authority of the Civil Service Commission of Iowa City, Iowa, I do hereby certify the following named person(s) as eligible for the position of Maintenance Worker II – Water Distribution.

Justin Sellers

**Iowa City Civil Service Commission**

  
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Melissa Jensen, Chair





July 29, 2021

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Civil Service Examination: Treatment Plant Operator - Water

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Civil Service Examination: Treatment Plant Operator - Water



**CITY OF IOWA CITY**

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May 20, 2021

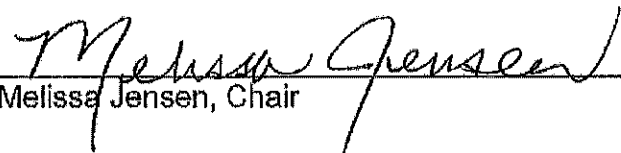
TO: The Honorable Mayor and the City Council

RE: Civil Service Entrance Examination – Treatment Plant Operator – Water

Under the authority of the Civil Service Commission of Iowa City, Iowa, I do hereby certify the following named person(s) as eligible for the position of Treatment Plant Operator – Water.

1. Brendan Swanson
2. Abby Good

**Iowa City Civil Service Commission**

  
Melissa Jensen, Chair